

SPECIAL BOARD OF CANVASSERS MINUTES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Approved December 12, 2013

6:00 P.M. ~

Council Members Present: Matt Robinson, Craig B. Tischner and Coralee Wessman-Moser

<u>Staff Present:</u> Cindy Quick, Deputy City Recorder

Brett geo. Wood, City Manager

Gordon M. Haight II, Asst. City Manager

Excused: Mayor, Clint Smith & Mike Day

1. Welcome:

Councilman Matt Robinson called the Special Board of Canvassers meeting to order at 6:07:40 PM and welcomed those in attendance.

1.1 Roll Call: Full Quorum, Mayor Clint Smith & Mike Day, excused.

2. RESULT OF GENERAL ELECTIONS: - Cindy Quick, Deputy Recorder

2.1 Discussions and consideration of <u>Resolution No. 13.46</u> "A resolution certifying the canvass of the 2013 Herriman municipal general election".

Councilman Matt Robinson presented the official results of the election.

Council Member Coralee Wessman-Moser **MOVED** to approve resolution no. 13.46 "A resolution certifying the canvass of the 2013 Herriman Municipal General Election"

Council Member Craig B. Tischner SECONDED the motion.

Councilman Matt Robinson asked if there were any questions on the motion.

Being none, he calls for a roll call vote.

Councilman Matt Robinson Yes
Councilman Craig B. Tischner Yes
Councilwoman Coralee Wessman-Moser
This voting was unanimous; the motion carried.

Coralee Wessman-Moser congratulates Councilman Tischner on his re-election then makes a public comment for the record. To clarify the process that we follow as a Board of Canvassers and how the election results are certified. After an election, the Salt Lake County Clerk's office, with which Herriman contracts for election services, tabulates all outstanding ballots submitted at the polls and verifies provisional ballots. Those results are officially tallied and are kept completely confidential. No individual, candidate, elected official, or staff member receives those results until on the appointed day which is today, two weeks after the election. Then the results are emailed to one individual, the city recorder, who then, as needed, may authorize their deputy recorder to assist with the preparation of the results for this meeting. The results are still not released to the public, any individual, candidate, elected official, or staff member at the time the Board of Canvassers convenes. At the meeting the official results are handed to the board as you witnessed tonight. The Salt Lake County Clerk's office does not release the information to the public until after the Board of Canvassers meets. They indicated today when I contacted them that it would be around 8:00pm tonight before the public results are released. So at this time I wish to express and register my concern with respect to the way the election results were released prior to this election meeting within a Facebook group. Anyone with access to the information is aware of the requirements to keep it confidential.

There was no official release of this information and thus this information was a result of a leak and a dishonest individual circulating unofficial, uncertified results. This type of behavior decreases trust in the election process. I will request and continue to request that our City Manager do his due diligence to investigate this situation and determine how this information was inappropriately released to the public. We want to ensure confidence in our election processes and ensure that the public knows each individual entrusted with a part of the election process follows the prescribed legal process.

Matt Robinson shares the same concern. The reason why is it introduces questions into the integrity of the government process and the government representatives.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Coralee Wessman-Moser made a motion for adjournment at <u>6:14:57 PM</u> p.m., second by Council Member Craig B. Tischner and passed unanimously.

This document along with the digital recording constitute the official minutes for the Herriman City Council Meeting held on Tuesday November 19, 2013.

I Cindy M. Quick, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified, and acting Deputy Recorder for Herriman City, of Salt Lake County, State of Utah. I do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true and accurate, and complete record of this meeting held on this date of Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

Cindy Quick, Deputy Recorder